1: Holmberg--41 [4] (1941-42) 1950 Sirionó
116, 476, 594, 602

"The nuclear family is the basic work group. Although considerable cooperation in the performance of duties takes place between members of an extended family, there are few tasks whose performance necessitates the cooperation of all members of the band. The nearest approach to such cooperation occurs when the band is on the march —when a new camp site has to be cleared or when a new house has to be built. But even in carrying out these tasks, members of an extended family join together to clear the part of the site which they will occupy or to build that section of the house where they will live. In this simple society the ties of kinship are strong."

1: Holmberg--49 (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 463, 594

"The nuclear family, consisting of a married man, his spouse or spouses, and their children, is the fundamental social and economic unit among the Siriono. Most of the activities of the culture, in fact, revolve around the nuclear family. Hunting is largely a family affair, as are fishing, collecting, and agriculture. Siriono society, moreover contains no specialists; the only occupational differences are those based on sex and age. Hence all work such as basket making, tool making, weapon making, and pot making must be done within the family. So important is the nuclear family that the culture contains few activities and the society performs few functions that are not embodied in or performed by individual family groups."

1: Holmberg--49 [5] (1941-42) 1950 Siriono
116, 594

"Within the nuclear family authority is patri-potestal. A woman is subservient to her husband, while children are subservient to both parents."

"On one occasion Ndekai, his wife, and their clubfooted son stayed away from the band for 6 weeks, wandering from one place to another in search of food. When they left they told no one about their plans, and while they were gone, no one showed the least concern about them. After returning from such a long absence, Ndekai was not even greeted by his tribesmen, although they eagerly tried to secure some of the meat he brought back with him. Such experiences indicate that were it not for the fact that the band supplies sex and marital partners, the family could be an independent social group among the Siriono."